

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

TABOLINA et al.

Application No.: **10/073,293**

Filing Date: February 13, 2002

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO  
ACID USING BACTERIA BELONGING  
TO THE GENUS ESCHERICHIA

Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Gangle, Brian J.

Attorney Ref. No.: US-145O

Confirmation No.: 3493

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, three month(s) to April 17, 2007.

The period for response has previously been extended to March 17, 2007.

Please charge  the credit card identified in EFS-Web processing or  our deposit account **50-2821** the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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